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In re Application of:)
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T. G. Dinan et al.) Group Art Unit: 1614
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Application No.: 09/687,384) Examiner: Donna A. Jagoe
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Filed: October 13, 2000)
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For: TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF)
GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASE)
USING ANTAGONISTS OR PARTIAL)
AGONISTS OF 5HT_{1a} RECEPTORS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicants include a copy of a International Search Report from PCT/IB01/02759, which is the corresponding international application. Listed on the Form PTO-1449 is an abstract for RO 92436, which is cited on the search report. The other documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 were listed at the end of provisional application no. 60/161,117, upon which the present application relies for priority.

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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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